



# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## AUSTRIAN SKI TRIP

On Friday 21st of February forty-one pupils and six staff left for a ski trip to St Michael in Austria. It took us 24 hours on the coach to get there and by the time we arrived we couldn't wait to get on the slopes. But before we could do that we had to unpack and get fitted up with our skis and boots.

Our first day of skiing was Sunday and we got split into our groups: beginners, intermediate and advanced. As the week progressed it was obvious to everyone who had a flare for skiing; some spent most of their time on their bottom mentioning no names – Mr Rogers! Many achievements were made over the week; for some it was standing up on the skis, for others it was winning the slalom.

Everyday a new person was given 'slip of the day', 'muppet of the day' and the 'sharking award'. At the end of the week we had a race, which everyone did really well in. It was good fun to take part. The winners in each group were **Hannah Ball, Luke Hopper, Caroline Ferris and David Flower**.

We found that some people will go to any lengths to get a bit of attention, cue Miss Marshall. She skis down a red run with the beginner group just behind her and when they catch her up they find her on the floor in agony. Off she goes to the local hospital accompanied by Mrs Dunhill! For the next few days, poor Mrs Dunhill was Miss Marshall's nurse, but it made a change from clearing up the effects of the bug!

Late night activities varied from bum boarding to swimming – when we eventually got there - to curling and a few of Mr Lee's famous quizzes.

We all enjoyed an excellent week of skiing and we'd like to thank Miss Marshall, Mr Lee, Mrs Dunhill, Mr Strickland, Miss Repton and Mr Rogers for giving up their time and organising the trip. We hope they had as good a time as we did.

*Fiona Dobie and Caroline Ferris*

## **PARENT GROUP SOCIAL EVENING SKITTLES EVENING**

**FRIDAY 14TH MARCH, 2003 - 7.30 P.M.**

**AT KENNET SOCIAL CLUB**

**All parents and supervised children welcome.**

## **Tesco Computers for Schools**

Once again Tesco are offering vouchers, one per £10.00 spent on goods within their store or on petrol at those stores that have that facility. The scheme started on the 27<sup>th</sup> January and will continue until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Please help the school make the best of this scheme by bringing your vouchers to the collecting box situated in A3.

*I Mullings  
ICT Technician*

## PUZZLER

Let's see how clever you are!  
This will blow your mind...!  
Just do it – don't cheat!!!!!!  
Count the number of f's in the following text!

**FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC  
STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.**

Answer: How many did you guess?

Three? Wrong, there are six. The average to guess is three so if you guessed three you are average, if you guessed four, five you are above average, if you got six you are a genius or a cheater. The reasoning is the brain cannot process the word "of".

*Hazel Gough and Nicholas Rose 9SNG*

## **ST JAMES' CHURCH SOUTHBROOM**

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**10.30 a.m. on Sunday 30th March 2003**

Mothering Sunday goes back a long way. It is the Sunday right in the middle of Lent when years ago children working away would return home bringing with them a treat. Mothers would bake Simnel Cake and for one day the season of Lent would be suspended and people would give thanks to God.

**This year we are holding an informal Family Service for all ages; and afterward; we will be sharing Simnel Cake and other treats; along with our coffee and tea.**

There will also be the opportunity to give a gift of money to a charity supporting the relief of famine, so that others can be blessed too.

**Why not come and join us? All are welcome.**

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# SPORTS NEWS

## RUGBY

Some dates to add to your calendar:-

Sunday 16th March : Year 7 and Year 9 Rugby Sevens at Reigate Grammar School.

Wednesday 26th March : Year 11 Rugby Sevens at Rosslyn Park.

If parents who have their son(s) involved could offer assistance with transport, this would be gratefully received.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Andrew Flower** and **Michael Walsh** who both played exceptionally well for Dorset and Wilts County Rugby U17s on Sunday 16th February beating Somerset 36 – 6.

## FOOTBALL

Nominated team captains:-

Year 7 - **Luke Flower**  
Year 8 - **Daniel Sainsbury**  
Year 9 - **Matthew Penfold**  
Year 10 - **Ashley Edwards**  
Year 11 - **Nathan Moffatt**  
Sixth Form - **Paul Davis**

## FIRST LEAGUE FOOTBALL MATCHES

### Year 9 v John Bentley (Tuesday 18th February)

The team missing three key players, **Jamie Selby**, **Patrick Preece** and Captain **Matthew Penfold** had a tricky start to the season. **Luke Hopper** filled in as Captain and worked hard to inspire the team but on a bumpy uneven surface things weren't going to be easy.

The boys worked very hard and managed to come in at half time with the scores level at three a piece. Coach Hammond had a few firm words and made tactical changes for the second half including placing **Roger Wiltshire** in goal. The changes paid off and the boys performed exceptionally well to win this tricky game 5 – 4. Goals shared out with **Christopher Allen** 2, **Ashley Grover** 1, **Simon Oliver** 1, and **Daniel Sloan** 1.

Good performances all round especially from sub goalkeeper **Roger Wiltshire**, left back **Jamie Lawrence** who made a perfectly timed header in the last ten seconds to stop Bentley equalising. Man of the Match was **Guy Perritt**.

### Sixth Form v St Johns (Wednesday 19th February)

Again the boys had to play in very difficult conditions but coped extremely well. St Johns went in front against the run of play with a mistake from goalkeeper **James Grist**, but real endeavour and team effort forced the Devizes boys back into the game with two goals from **Marcus Wallen**. **James Grist** more than made up for his mistake with some confident goalkeeping in the second half and ended up with a bloody nose for his troubles.

Against a hard working physical St Johns team Paul Davis's team did themselves proud with this 2 – 1 victory and played some entertaining football.

### Year 11 v John Bentley (Thursday 20th February)

The big question on everyone's lips was "would **Jamie Hopgood** make the starting line?" With the support from the rest of the team he managed it and worked hard throughout and scored in the first half. A few mistakes cost the Year 11 team this game and playing with a 'rock hard' ball didn't favour either team.

The final score was Bentley 5, Devizes 1, but **Nathan Moffatt's** team deserved more. We saw a Wayne Rooney style overhead kick from **Lee Himsworth** and Ryan Giggs style dribbling from **Tom Paget**.

### Year 9 'B' v John Bentley 'B' (Thursday 20th February)

Bentley were after revenge from losing on Tuesday to the 'A' team. Our boys didn't disappoint and came out with a 2 – 2 draw with goals from **Andrew Cook** and **Ashley Grover** and had two goals disallowed. **Douglas Dickson** as Captain was happy with the performance of his team and praised **Matthew Case** for his hard work.

*M D Hammond*

### Year 8 Football v John Bentley

On a very cold afternoon, after school, the Year 8 eleven stood tall in a huddle, breath-steaming, awaiting the opposition to arrive. **Daniel Sainsbury** had a last word, the team nodded, they knew what they had to do. The "Bentley Boys" arrived in a coach, and the match started well everyone doing their bit. Two goals wizzed past the Bentley keeper – it was going well and the half time briefing was one of maintaining the pressure and capitalising on the slope to get more goals. However it was to be disappointment for the Men of Devizes for the Bentley Boys must have had more Weetabix that morning and scored three quick goals to go into the lead. The game was not over and Sainsbury's men were not going to go down that easily, another fantastic Devizes goal saw the teams equal. The end was in sight and the pressure still had Bentley defending their net. But it was not to be and a minute before the end a rogue shot punished the Men of Devizes to a defeat.

Final Score 3:4

Goal Scorers: **Liam McEnry**, Simon Oldham, **James Muir**

Man of the Match: **Oliver Sivyer**



*T Strickland*